CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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- 1 1. An organophotoreceptor comprising an electrically conductive substrate 2 and a photoconductive element on the electrically conductive substrate, the 3 photoconductive element comprising:
 - (a) a charge transport material having the formula

$$E_2$$
 X_2
 Y_2
 Z
 Y_1
 X_1

6 where Y₁ and Y₂ comprise, each independently, a carbazolyl group;

 X_1 and X_2 , each independently, have the formula -(CH₂)_m-, branched or linear, where m is an integer between 0 and 20, inclusive, and one or more of the methylene groups is optionally replaced by O, S, N, C, B, P, C=O, O=S=O, a heterocyclic group, an aromatic group, urethane, urea, an ester group, an amide group, an NR₃ group, a CR₄, or a CR₅R₆ group where R₃, R₄, R₅, and R₆ are, independently, a bond, H, hydroxyl, thiol, carboxyl, an amino group, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, an aromatic group, or part of a ring;

E₁ and E₂ comprise, each independently, an epoxy group; and

Z is a linking group comprising a bond, a $-(CR_5=CR_6-)_n$ - group, a $-CR_7=N$ -group, or an aromatic group, where R_5 , R_6 , and R_7 are, each independently, H, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group, and n is an integer between 1 and 10, inclusive; and

- (b) a charge generating compound.
- 2. An organophotoreceptor according to claim 1 wherein Z is a bond.
- 1 3. An organophotoreceptor according to claim 1 wherein X₁ and X₂ are, each 2 independently, a methylene group.
- 1 4. An organophotoreceptor according to claim 1 wherein E₁ and E₂ are, each 2 independently, an oxiranyl ring.

5. An organophotoreceptor according to claim 1 wherein the charge transport material is selected from the group consisting of the following formula:

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- where R₈ and R₉ are, each independently, H, hydroxyl, thiol, carboxyl, CHO, a keto group, an amino group, cyano, nitro, a halogen, an alkoxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an epoxy group, a thiiranyl group, an aziridino group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group.
- 1 6. An organophotoreceptor according to claim 1 wherein the 2 photoconductive element further comprises a second charge transport material.
 - 7.An organophotoreceptor according to claim 6 wherein the second charge transport material comprises an electron transport compound.
 - 8. An organophotoreceptor according to claim 1 wherein the photoconductive element further comprises a binder.
 - 9. An electrophotographic imaging apparatus comprising:
 - (a) a light imaging component; and
 - (b) an organophotoreceptor oriented to receive light from the light imaging component, the organophotoreceptor comprising an electrically conductive substrate and a photoconductive element on the electrically conductive substrate, the photoconductive element comprising:
- 6 element comprising:7
 - (i) a charge transport material having the formula

$$E_2$$
 X_2 Y_2 Z Y_1 X_1

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- 9 where Y₁ and Y₂ comprise, each independently, a carbazolyl group;
- 10 X_1 and X_2 , each independently, have the formula -(CH₂)_m-, branched or linear,
- where m is an integer between 0 and 20, inclusive, and one or more of the methylene
- groups is optionally replaced by O, S, N, C, B, P, C=O, O=S=O, a heterocyclic group, an
- aromatic group, urethane, urea, an ester group, an amide group, an NR₃ group, a CR₄, or a
- 14 CR₅R₆ group where R₃, R₄, R₅, and R₆ are, independently, a bond, H, hydroxyl, thiol,
- carboxyl, an amino group, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, an
- aromatic group, or part of a ring;
- E_1 and E_2 comprise, each independently, an epoxy group; and
- Z is a linking group comprising a bond, a -(CR₅=CR₆-)_n- group, a -CR₇=N-
- 19 group, or an aromatic group, where R₅, R₆, and R₇ are, each independently, H, an alkyl
- group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group, and n is an integer
- between 1 and 10, inclusive; and
- 22 (ii) a charge generating compound.
- 1 10. An electrophotographic imaging apparatus according to claim 9 wherein Z
- 2 is a bond.
- 1 11.An electrophotographic imaging apparatus according to claim 9 wherein X_1
- 2 and X_2 are, each independently, a methylene group.
- 1 12. An electrophotographic imaging apparatus according to claim 9 wherein
- E_1 and E_2 are, each independently, an oxiranyl ring.
- 1 13. An electrophotographic imaging apparatus according to claim 9 wherein
- 2 the charge transport material is selected from the group consisting of the following
- 3 formula:

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where R₈ and R₉ are, each independently, H, hydroxyl, thiol, carboxyl, - CHO, a keto group, an amino group, cyano, nitro, a halogen, an alkoxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an epoxy group, a thiiranyl group, an aziridino group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group.

- 1 14. An electrophotographic imaging apparatus according to claim 9 wherein 2 the photoconductive element further comprises a second charge transport material.
 - 15. An electrophotographic imaging apparatus according to claim 14 wherein second charge transport material comprises an electron transport compound.
 - 16. An electrophotographic imaging apparatus according to claim 9 further comprising a liquid toner dispenser.
 - 17. An electrophotographic imaging process comprising;
 - (a) applying an electrical charge to a surface of an organophotoreceptor comprising an electrically conductive substrate and a photoconductive element on the electrically conductive substrate, the photoconductive element comprising
 - (i) a charge transport material having the formula

$$E_2$$
 X_2
 Y_2
 Z
 Y_1
 X_1

7 where Y_1 and Y_2 comprise, each independently, a carbazolyl group;

 X_1 and X_2 , each independently, have the formula -(CH₂)_m-, branched or linear, where m is an integer between 0 and 20, inclusive, and one or more of the methylene groups is optionally replaced by O, S, N, C, B, P, C=O, O=S=O, a heterocyclic group, an

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- aromatic group, urethane, urea, an ester group, an amide group, an NR₃ group, a CR₄, or a
- 12 CR₅R₆ group where R₃, R₄, R₅, and R₆ are, independently, a bond, H, hydroxyl, thiol,
- carboxyl, an amino group, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, an
- 14 aromatic group, or part of a ring;
- E_1 and E_2 comprise, each independently, an epoxy group; and
- Z is a linking group comprising a bond, a $-(CR_5=CR_6-)_n$ group, a $-CR_7=N$ -
- group, or an aromatic group, where R₅, R₆, and R₇ are, each independently, H, an alkyl
- group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group, and n is an integer
- 19 between 1 and 10, inclusive; and
- 20 (ii) a charge generating compound.
- 21 (b) imagewise exposing the surface of the organophotoreceptor to radiation to
- 22 dissipate charge in selected areas and thereby form a pattern of charged and uncharged
- areas on the surface;
- (c) contacting the surface with a toner to create a toned image; and
- 25 (d) transferring the toned image to substrate.
- 1 18. An electrophotographic imaging process according to claim 17 wherein Z
- 2 is a bond.
- 1 19. An electrophotographic imaging process according to claim 17 wherein X_1
- 2 and X_2 are, each independently, a methylene group.
- 1 20. An electrophotographic imaging process according to claim 17 wherein E₁
- 2 and E_2 are, each independently, an oxiranyl ring.
- 1 21. An electrophotographic imaging process according to claim 17 wherein
- 2 the charge transport material is selected from the group consisting of the following
- 3 formula:

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where R₈ and R₉ are, each independently, H, hydroxyl, thiol, carboxyl, -CHO, a keto group, an amino group, cyano, nitro, a halogen, an alkoxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an epoxy group, a thiiranyl group, an aziridino group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group.

- 1 22. An electrophotographic imaging process according to claim 17 wherein 2 the photoconductive element further comprises a second charge transport material.
- 1 23. An electrophotographic imaging process according to claim 22 wherein 2 the second charge transport material comprises an electron transport compound.
- 1 24. An electrophotographic imaging process according to claim 17 wherein 2 the photoconductive element further comprises a binder.
 - 25. An electrophotographic imaging process according to claim 17 wherein the toner comprises a liquid toner comprising a dispersion of colorant particles in an organic liquid.
 - 26. A charge transport material having the formula

$$E_2$$
 X_2 Y_2 Z Y_1 X_1

where Y₁ and Y₂ comprise, each independently, a carbazolyl group;

 X_1 and X_2 , each independently, have the formula -(CH₂)_m-, branched or linear, where m is an integer between 0 and 20, inclusive, and one or more of the methylene groups is optionally replaced by O, S, N, C, B, P, C=O, O=S=O, a heterocyclic group, an

- 7 aromatic group, urethane, urea, an ester group, an amide group, an NR₃ group, a CR₄, or a
- 8 CR₅R₆ group where R₃, R₄, R₅, and R₆ are, independently, a bond, H, hydroxyl, thiol,
- 9 carboxyl, an amino group, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, an
- 10 aromatic group, or part of a ring;
- E_1 and E_2 comprise, each independently, an epoxy group; and
- Z is a linking group comprising a bond, a –(CR₅=CR₆-)_n- group, a -CR₇=N- group,
- or an aromatic group, where R₅, R₆, and R₇ are, each independently, H, an alkyl group, an
- 14 alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group, and n is an integer between 1
- 15 and 10, inclusive.
 - 1 27. A charge transport material according to claim 26 wherein Z is a bond.
- 1 28. A charge transport material according to claim 26 wherein X_1 and X_2 are,
- 2 each independently, a methylene group.
- 1 29. A charge transport material according to claim 26 wherein E₁ and E₂ are,
- 2 each independently, an oxiranyl ring.
- 1 30. A charge transport material according to claim 26 wherein the charge
- 2 transport material is selected from the group consisting of the following formula:

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4 where R₈ and R₉ are, each independently, H, hydroxyl, thiol, carboxyl, -

5 CHO, a keto group, an amino group, cyano, nitro, a halogen, an alkoxyl group, an alkyl

- group, an alkenyl group, an epoxy group, a thiiranyl group, an aziridino group, a
- 7 heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group.

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1 31. A polymeric charge transport material prepared by the reaction of a 2 functional group in a polymeric binder with at least an epoxy group in a compound 3 having the formula

$$E_2$$
 X_2 Y_2 Z Y_1 X_1

5 where Y_1 and Y_2 comprise, each independently, a carbazolyl group;

 X_1 and X_2 , each independently, have the formula -(CH₂)_m-, branched or linear, where m is an integer between 0 and 20, inclusive, and one or more of the methylene groups is optionally replaced by O, S, N, C, B, P, C=O, O=S=O, a heterocyclic group, an aromatic group, urethane, urea, an ester group, an amide group, an NR₃ group, a CR₄, or a CR₅R₆ group where R₃, R₄, R₅, and R₆ are, independently, a bond, H, hydroxyl, thiol, carboxyl, an amino group, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, an aromatic group, or part of a ring;

E₁ and E₂ comprise, each independently, an epoxy group; and

Z is a linking group comprising a bond, a – $(CR_5=CR_6-)_n$ - group, a - $CR_7=N$ - group, or an aromatic group, where R_5 , R_6 , and R_7 are, each independently, H, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group, and n is an integer between 1 and 10, inclusive.

- 1 32. A polymeric charge transport material according to claim 31 wherein the 2 functional group of the binder is selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl group, 3 carboxyl group, an amino group, and thiol group.
- 1 33. A polymeric charge transport material according to claim 31 wherein a crosslinking agent is bonded between the epoxy group and the functional group of the binder.
- 1 34. A polymeric charge transport material according to claim 31 wherein Z is 2 a bond.

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- 1 35. A polymeric charge transport material according to claim 31 wherein E₁ 2 and E₂ are, each independently, an oxiranyl ring.
- 1 36. An organophotoreceptor comprising an electrically conductive substrate 2 and a photoconductive element on the electrically conductive substrate, the 3 photoconductive element comprising:
- 4 (a) a polymeric charge transport compound prepared by the reaction of a 5 functional group in a polymeric binder with at least an epoxy group in a compound 6 having the formula

$$E_2$$
 X_2 — Y_2 — Z — Y_1 — X_1

8 where Y₁ and Y₂ comprise, each independently, a carbazolyl group;

 X_1 and X_2 , each independently, have the formula -(CH₂)_m-, branched or linear, where m is an integer between 0 and 20, inclusive, and one or more of the methylene groups is optionally replaced by O, S, N, C, B, P, C=O, O=S=O, a heterocyclic group, an aromatic group, urethane, urea, an ester group, an amide group, an NR₃ group, a CR₄, or a CR₅R₆ group where R₃, R₄, R₅, and R₆ are, independently, a bond, H, hydroxyl, thiol, carboxyl, an amino group, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, an aromatic group, or part of a ring;

E₁ and E₂ comprise, each independently, an epoxy group; and

Z is a linking group comprising a bond, a $-(CR_5=CR_6-)_n$ - group, a $-CR_7=N$ -group, or an aromatic group, where R_5 , R_6 , and R_7 are, each independently, H, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group, and n is an integer between 1 and 10, inclusive; and

- (b) a charge generating compound.
- 1 37. An organophotoreceptor according to claim 36 wherein the 2 photoconductive element further comprises a charge transport material.
 - 38. An organophotoreceptor according to claim 37 wherein the charge transport material comprises an electron transport compound.

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- 1 39. An organophotoreceptor according to claim 36 wherein the functional
- 2 group of the binder is selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl group, carboxyl
- 3 group, an amino group, and thiol group.
- 1 40. An organophotoreceptor according to claim 36 wherein Z is a bond.
- 1 41. An organophotoreceptor according to claim 36 wherein E₁ and E₂ are,
- 2 each independently, an oxiranyl group.